



## Memories of the Roosevelt Ball as Fragrant as Those of the Flowers and Much More Dashing—Social Events of the Past Week.

The White House ball has passed into social history—the social history of Washington, which is not like that of any other city. The flowers and the decorations, and the throng of guests, have vanished as completely as the music, and nothing is left but a memory of one of the most brilliant and delightful functions in many years.

But a memory is something. There comes a time when it is almost more comforting than reality, for the reality changes, while the picture in the mind remains the same. To many people who participated in the gaiety and light-hearted merrymaking of this coming-out party, one strain of the music played that night will conjure up the scene once more, bright with sweet faces and dainty figures, brilliant uniforms and costly flowers, and they will hear again the waltz music, the laughter, the gay repartee. "Only a memory" is not such a very small thing, after all.

If flowers could put their perfume into speech, what stories they could tell today to the invalids who are enjoying their fragrance in the hospitals of the city.

It was a gracious bit of thoughtfulness on the part of the White House debutante, though, happily, she is not the first of the season who has shared her roses with people who seem to get nothing but thorns. What was her name? Well, that would be telling—but she went to the White House ball.

And what memories the dancing programmes will recall—of, of course, everybody carried those simple but fascinating souvenirs home.

The average society girl treasures her dancing cards and cotillion favors as proudly as an Indian on the warpath does his scalp—and not for such widely different reasons.

As to the men—there's a question of interest. What do the cavaliers of the gay world do with their trophies of the dance?

To talk about the ball, one handsome girl, in talking it all over yesterday, said: "I have always considered Miss Roosevelt a charming girl, but I never realized how lovely she was till last night. It hardly seems fair, does it, that in addition to all her other good things she should have the distinction of being the prettiest girl in town? But I'm afraid she deserves it."

The Countess Cassini, who also is an acknowledged beauty, must have been the most becoming person in her whole thirty trunk—so gracefully dainty did she look in her blue gown flashing in silver.

In the painting that Makovsky, the Russian artist, has just painted of her, she is dressed in misty blue, and carries an armful of pink roses. Her hat is a large white Gainsborough made after the famous portrait, which is one of the most captivating hats that she wears.

Sochally considered, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will find this a very busy week.

On Tuesday night they will give a state reception in honor of the Diplomatic Corps.

On Thursday evening the foreign dignitaries will be their hosts at the second of the series of official dinners.

On Saturday evening they will be the guests of honor at a cabinet dinner to be given by the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root.

Mrs. Roosevelt gave a tea yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock for which there were about 250 invitations issued. This was her graceful way of remembering friends who were not included in the list of guests at the ball Friday night, and also gave out-of-town guests who did not attend an opportunity to pay their respects before leaving. All of the decorations of the hall were in evidence and had been kept fresh for the occasion. The guests were from official and resident so-

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The dancing festivities of the next six days will include a dinner dance to be given by Senator and the Misses Kean to Miss Alice Roosevelt, the Tuesday Cotillion at Rauscher's, and the Bachelors' Cotillion at the National Rifle A. on January 8.

There will be a ball at the New Willard on the 9th, and a dinner and dance given to Miss Strong at the residence of Mrs. Richard Townsend on January 10.

Miss Nannie Lettier was too indisposed to attend the White House ball.

At the Kublik concert, at which the Lettiers occupied a box, she remained seated behind her sister throughout the performance, and it was noticeable that she was pale and lacked the vivacity that is her especial charm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lettier were among the prominent entertainers of the evening. The dinner company gathered about the superbly appointed table were Admiral Dewey, Mrs. Adair, Miss Alice Roosevelt, Miss Root, Miss Margaret Hitchcock, Miss Helen Roosevelt, and Miss Cutting, of New York; Miss Lettier, Miss Daisy Lettier, Signor Riano, Mr. Sekondorff, Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Hermite, Mr. Robert Garrett, Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. Golet, Mr. Craig Wadsworth, and Mr. Lettier.

The naval agent of the Russian Embassy, and Baroness Persen, gave a farewell dinner last night to Lieutenant Colonel Schoboko, the military agent of the Embassy staff, who will sail today for Europe.

The additional guests were the Russian Ambassador and Countess Cassini, and the gentlemen of the Embassy.

Mr. T. DeWitt Talmage will give a tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Collier.

Rear Admiral Crowell sailed yesterday to return his squadron to the Mediterranean. His short trip home was for the purpose of giving his daughter in marriage on last Tuesday, when she became the wife of Edwin Jones.

Mr. Crowell, who remained in Washington, will be at home on Fridays throughout the season.

Dr. Z. T. Sowers has removed to 1707 Massachusetts Avenue.

Mr. St. John Giffney, of New York, is at the Willard with his wife and daughter, Miss Humphreys, who attended the coming-out dance of Miss Roosevelt.

On last Thursday evening a party was given by Misses May Clark and May Madison, at 1206 Virginia Avenue southeast. After participating in the various games, the friends present adjourned to a tastefully arranged table and partook of the good things prepared for them.

Mrs. Edwin H. Fowler will be at home the second and fourth Mondays in January and February.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. O'Donnell entertained friends at their residence, 1103 Sixth Street northwest, Wednesday evening last. Music and dancing were engaged in, and refreshments were served. Among those present were Mrs. George Smith, Miss White, Misses Mammie and Agnes O'Donnell, Mrs. George Stafford, Miss McNamara, Miss Jennie Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Henderson, Mrs. James O'Donnell, Miss Rosa Bowen, Messrs. George Smith, James and George Ellersbrook, James and John O'Donnell, Robert King, Thomas Holden, Harry Haines, George Stafford, and Mr. Armstrong.

Miss Edith Tupper entertained a number of her young friends at her residence, 306 North Carolina Avenue southeast, Friday evening, January 3. Among those present were the Misses Madeline Atkinson, Edna Dodge, E. B. Lavery, Ethel Simmons, Lola Davis, Ivel Shipley, and Lillian Tupper; Messrs. Thomas Rice, H. P. Odham, William Morrison, Billy Davis, Polly Burdette, Owen Briggs, Elmer Tupper, and Max Earle Tupper.

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Mandolin Club and piano solos by Mr. Schier, Miss Jones, and Miss Young were greatly enjoyed. Many interesting games were played. Shortly before midnight refreshments were served in the dining room, which was profusely decorated with evergreens. Those present were: Misses Lillian Rose, Minnie J. Beatty, Kate J. Cornish, Mae V. Cornish, Flora I. Cornish, Maud C. Cornish, George E. Cornish, and Thomas Florence Thomas, Cecelia McKernan, Mrs. J. C. Cline, and Mrs. E. B. Thomas, and Messrs. Charles M. McKernan, Albert Schier, Charles M. Jones, William B. Garrison, Albert Grupp, Jr., Edward Whitsett, E. Haristall, J. M. Callahan, F. Hazard, Charles Warren, J. Cline, and E. B. Thomas.

Miss Julia Goldsborough, who has been an acknowledged belle among the younger set since her debut, a few weeks ago, has been repeating her social triumphs in Baltimore, where she is visiting Miss Elinor Donnell Wilson, Mrs. von Kapf, the mother of Miss Wilson, gave a ball for her Friday night, at her residence on Park Avenue at which Miss Goldsborough was greatly admired.

Mrs. Walter H. Hensley will be at home Friday, January 10 and 17.

Mrs. Robert I. Fleming has cards out for a 5 o'clock tea January 15.

The marriage of Miss Louise Forsaker to Mr. Francis King Wainwright will take place next Wednesday at noon. The Rev. Mr. Mackay-Smith will perform the ceremony in the presence of a company limited to relatives. After the ceremony there will be a large reception.

Since her debut, two or three years ago, the bride-elect, who is the youngest daughter of Senator and Mrs. Forsaker, has been considered to be one of the handsomest girls in the society.

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The marriage on Wednesday at Charlottesville, Va., of Col. Thomas F. Randolph and Miss Edith Durrett, daughter of a prominent merchant of the Virginia city, aroused much interest in social circles in the Old Dominion. The happy couple arrived in this city during the week, and are spending a few days at the home of Miss M. W. Betts, aunt of Mrs. Randolph, 1005 C Street northeast.

Colonel Randolph is a member of the historic Virginia family whose name he bears. He is known throughout Virginia, and the announcement of his marriage to Miss Durrett came as a surprise, as it did a pleasure, to all who knew him. Miss Durrett is the eldest daughter of William Durrett, a life-long resident of Charlottesville, and a Confederate officer.

The Rev. John T. Randolph, father of the groom, officiated at the wedding ceremony, which was celebrated at the home of the bride, on Ridge Street, Charlottesville. The friends of the contracting parties filled the Durrett homestead, and followed the happy couple to the railway station, where they took a train for this city. Although announcement of the marriage was not made until Monday last, presents flowed in upon Colonel and Mrs. Randolph at a great rate. At the wedding Mr. Samuel S. Rhodes, of Charlottesville, was best man, while the bride was assisted by her sisters, the Misses Mary and Cora Durrett.

Among those present were the Misses Marguerite Lawrence, Blanche Birch, F. E. Kirby, May Clark, G. Jents, Gertrude Brown, M. Houck, Clara Harner, Maude Clark, Grace Stock, Helen Taylor, George Stewart, and Bessie Birch; Messrs. Charles E. Birch, Philip McQueen, Clarence Shoemaker, Riley Stanton, Robert McKnight, Harmon Roberts, Leonard Brown, LeRoy Birch, LeRoy Israel, Stephen Krouse, E. Nelson Hayes, C. Umsted, DeSappworth Offutt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Norton.

The Misses Stuart, assisted by Miss Dabney, gave a donkey party last Thursday evening at their home, 1112 Thirteenth Street. Euchre and dancing were indulged in also kept up till a late hour, after which refreshments were tastefully served. Winners of the prizes at the donkey party were Mrs. Mason and Dr. Newbern. Among those present were Misses Bowditch, Drayton, Ford, Graham, Giffith, Lanier, Mosely, Elise Reed, Katherine Reed, Wilson, Wells, Mrs. Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. Lomas, and Messrs. Nelson, Blight, Ashton, Frederick Jackson, Smith, Bell, Vincent, Graham, Prevatt, Faulstich, Colonel Patrick, Mrs. Newbern, Brown, and Mason.

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The marriage of Miss Alice Rochester to Capt. Charles Wendell Fenton, U. S. A., will take place at home because their difference in religious faith precludes a church ceremony. Captain Fenton is a Catholic and his fiancée, in deference to his spiritual convictions, has consented to be married by a priest of the Church of Rome. Only relatives and close personal friends will witness the ceremony, which will be followed by a general reception at the residence of her parents, General and Mrs. Rochester, on Eighteenth Street.

Relatives are arriving from far and near. Mr. Bradley Martin